

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW...

SUBJECT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be studying five areas in the Pasco Sanitary Landfill. These areas were previously used for industrial waste disposal by the Resource Recovery Corporation. Many of these wastes are now classified as hazardous waste. The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether there are chemical wastes migrating from the disposal areas, and if so, whether the chemicals are a threat to public health or the environment.

**WHAT WE KNOW
SO FAR:**

To date, there is no evidence of chemical waste migration, public health, or environmental problems. Five groundwater monitoring wells on the perimeter of the site do not show any contamination. The site was selected for further study because we know that between 1972 and 1974, substantial quantities of hazardous wastes were disposed of at the site. The attached map shows the location of the hazardous waste disposal areas used between 1972 and 1974, and sampling locations. The site now operates as a municipal landfill.

STUDY PLANS:

EPA will take soil samples and groundwater samples near the hazardous waste disposal areas, where migration would most likely occur. The soil and groundwater samples will be analyzed for 135 priority pollutants and for specific pesticides known to have been disposed of on the site. The investigation will begin in July 1985, and study results should be available by December 1985. The field work will be carried out by Ecology and Environment (E & E), a contractor for EPA. Follow-up studies may be necessary at a later date to fully characterize the situation.

**YOU WILL BE KEPT
INFORMED:**

EPA, in cooperation with the State Department of Ecology (DOE) and the county health department, will keep you informed of significant findings made during the study. Usually, information will be provided in the form of short "fact sheets" such as this notice. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this study, please call any one of the people listed below.

This study was developed in cooperation with DOE and county environmental and health agencies, but will be funded entirely by the Superfund program of EPA.

QUESTIONS:

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